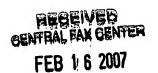
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application: Please amend claim 1 and claims 5, 7, 8 9 as indicated. Please cancel claims 2, 3, 4 and 6.

Amended claim 1 now includes clauses of the canceled claims 2, 3, 4.

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (currently amended) A method for scheduling transactions within a computing system, whereby the method is implemented as a sub-module within a gateway process module, and the gateway process module is responsible for receiving transaction requests from a client and for allocating the requests to server processes, wherein each server process interacts with a separate central processing unit, said method comprising the steps of:
- [[-]] (a) receiving a transaction request from a client;
 - (b) storing the most recent finish time and the status of a server process;
- [[-]] (c) determining the idled server process that most recently finished execution of a previous transaction; [[and]]
 - (d) forwarding the transaction request to the most recently idled process.
- 2. (canceled)
- 3. (canceled)
- 4. (canceled)
- (currently amended) A method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the method is implemented as a software module arranged to operate in an enterprise application environment.
- 6. (canceled)
- (currently amended). A system for scheduling transactions within a computing system,
 comprising:
- [[-]] (a) a transaction request means arranged to receive a transaction request from a client;
- [[-]] (b) determination means arranged to determine the idled server process that most recently finished execution of a previous transaction; and

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- [[-]] (c) forwarding means arranged to forward the transaction request to the most recently idled process.
- 8. (currently amended). A computer program arranged, when loaded onto a computer, to instruct the computer to operate in accordance with a system for scheduling transactions within a computing system, comprising:
- [[-]] (a) a transaction request means arranged to receive a transaction request from a client;
- [[-]] (b) determination means arranged to determine the idled server process that most recently finished execution of a previous transaction; and
- [[-]] (c) forwarding means arranged to forward the transaction request to the most recently idled process.
- 9. (currently amended). A computer readable medium having a computer readable program code embodied therein for causing a computer to operate in accordance with a system for scheduling transactions within a computing system, comprising:
- [[-]] (a) a transaction request means arranged to receive a transaction request from a client;
- [[-]] (b) determination means arranged to determine the idled server process that most recently finished execution of a previous transaction; and
- [[-]] (c) forwarding means arranged to forward the transaction request to the most recently idled process.